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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
IAN M. PENN, ET AL.) : Examiner: M. Milano
Appln. No.: To be assigned) : Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: February 13, 2002) :
For: EXPANDABLE STENT AND) :
METHOD FOR DELIVERY) :
OF SAME) February 13, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

[This application is a continuation
of U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/672,767
now allowed]

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first line of the specification, kindly
insert --This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent
Appln. No. 09/672,767, filed September 29, 2000 (incorporated
herein by reference), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent

Appln. No. 09/142,508, filed September 8, 1998, now U.S.

Patent No. 6,217,608 (incorporated herein by reference).--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 2-23 without prejudice.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents have been furnished in parent Appln. No. 09/672,767 and grandparent Appln. No. 09/142,508, filed September 8, 1998, now USP 6,217,608.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the below-listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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Respectfully submitted,



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